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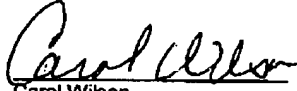
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated January 25, 2005, please consider the following comments.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-19 of the present application. In the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance the Examiner notes that "None of the prior art teaches or suggests adapt an equalizer comprising a splitter... and an adaptive controller... [the adaptive controller comprising...]." Specifically, the Examiner notes that the limitations of claim 5 are not suggested by the prior art. The Applicants agree.

The Applicants note that claim 1, also allowed, comprises an adaptive controller alone. As such, the Examiner's statement is incorrect with respect to claim 1, since the Examiner's statement imputes limitations to claim 1 (among others) that exist only in

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independent claim 5. As such, the Applicants believe that the Examiner's statement is improper with respect to those claims other than claim 5

Respectfully submitted,

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